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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Yuichiro NAGASHIMA *et al.*

Application No.: 10/651,681

Filed: August 29, 2003

For: STORAGE SYSTEM CONTROL  
METHOD, STORAGE SYSTEM,  
INFORMATION PROCESSING  
SYSTEM, MANAGING  
COMPUTER AND PROGRAM

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No.: 9208

Examiner: Unassigned

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2121

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.